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Reporting for week ending August 13, 2006

General

Precipitation for the week was in the form of isolated severe thunderstorms. Triple digit temperatures were common throughout the week. There were 6.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 29% very short, 37% short, 32% adequate, and 2% surplus.

Crops

Corn harvest was underway with over half of the crop matured. The crop was in fair to mostly good condition. Cotton bolls began to open last week. The crop was also in fair to mostly good condition. Rice farmers began to drain fields in preparation for harvest. Sorghum finished the heading stage last week with over one-third of the crop matured. Soybean harvest began last week with the crop in mostly fair to good condition.

Livestock

Livestock remained in good condition. Pasture and hay crop conditions continued to decline. Several counties reported cattlemen feeding winter hay now as well as reducing herds.

Percent of Progress

	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Corn	Doughed	100	98	97	97
	Dented	93	86	83	84
	Mature ¹	53	20		
	Harvested ¹	11	2		
Cotton	Bolls Open	4	0	4	4
Rice	Headed	87	71	81	84
Sorghum	Headed	100	99	96	98
	Coloring	86	74	79	81
	Mature	36	10	10	11
Soybeans	Bloomed	99	96	97	93
	Pods Set	90	82	86	78
	Yellowed	18	7	12	6
	Shedding	11	2	4	1
	Matured ¹	4			
	Harvested ¹	3			

¹ Question not asked in previous years for reference week.

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	13	27	41	16
Cotton	1	7	27	47	18
Rice	2	6	26	50	16
Sorghum	3	13	41	34	9
Soybeans	9	18	34	32	7
Hay-Other	24	32	28	16	0
Hay-Alfalfa	15	56	16	13	0
Pasture & Range	21	38	29	12	0

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending August 13, 2006									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal	Wk Ending August 13	Aug	Aug	Jan - July	
						Accum	Normal	2006	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	101	69	5	0.32	0.32	1.13	19.42	27.58
	Harrison	100	69	5	0.50	0.50	1.35	33.07	26.67
N. Central	Calico Rock	97	65	4	2.55	2.93	1.21	28.40	27.46
	Gilbert	103	68	3	0.55	0.55	1.12	26.16	26.82
	Greers Ferry	101	69	4	0.11	0.11	1.24	29.67	30.39
	Mtn. Home	98	71	4	2.13	2.13	0.98	25.59	26.91
Northeast	Batesville	96	65	2	0.80	0.80	1.34	29.22	28.50
	Jonesboro	101	71	2	1.88	1.88	1.13	28.29	28.38
	Keiser	100	70	4	4.85	5.00	1.19	34.56	31.59
	Newport	101	71	3	1.76	1.76	1.28	31.88	29.52
W. Central	Booneville	104	71	4	0.10	0.51	1.01	20.15	29.30
	Clarksville	106	73	6	0.37	0.40	1.05	22.27	28.03
	Dardanelle	105	72	6	0.50	0.54	1.21	24.82	29.51
	Ft. Smith	106	74	5	0.32	0.39	1.11	27.34	26.61
	Mena	100	69	4	0.46	1.91	1.20	24.07	35.53
	Ozark	104	72	6	0.18	1.28	1.13	28.95	27.05
Central	Conway	103	71	4	0.34	0.49	1.12	29.02	29.30
	Hot Springs	109	71	6	0.06	0.50	1.42	26.71	34.95
	Little Rock	103	74	4	0.22	1.28	1.26	28.33	30.67
	N. Little Rock	101	73	3	0.42	0.42	1.29	28.16	26.32
E. Central	Brinkley	100	72	3	0.10	0.10	1.14	33.56	31.80
	Marianna	99	72	3	0.15	0.18	1.31	27.24	33.64
	Stuttgart	101	72	3	1.74	2.09	1.02	28.42	31.14
Southwest	Hope	101	70	5	0.00	0.09	1.54	21.46	32.46
	Texarkana	98	73	3	0.01	0.01	1.09	21.83	27.70
	Camden	101	71	5	0.00	0.35	1.33	19.83	32.75
S. Central	El Dorado	101	72	4	0.22	0.42	1.53	26.10	34.68
	Warren	101	71	4	1.86	1.87	1.44	25.24	34.62
Southeast	Eudora	106	72	5	0.63	0.77	1.36	32.24	37.26
	Pine Bluff	102	72	4	0.91	1.16	1.60	28.28	32.26
	Rohwer	98	72	4	0.80	0.80	1.22	30.94	33.19

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